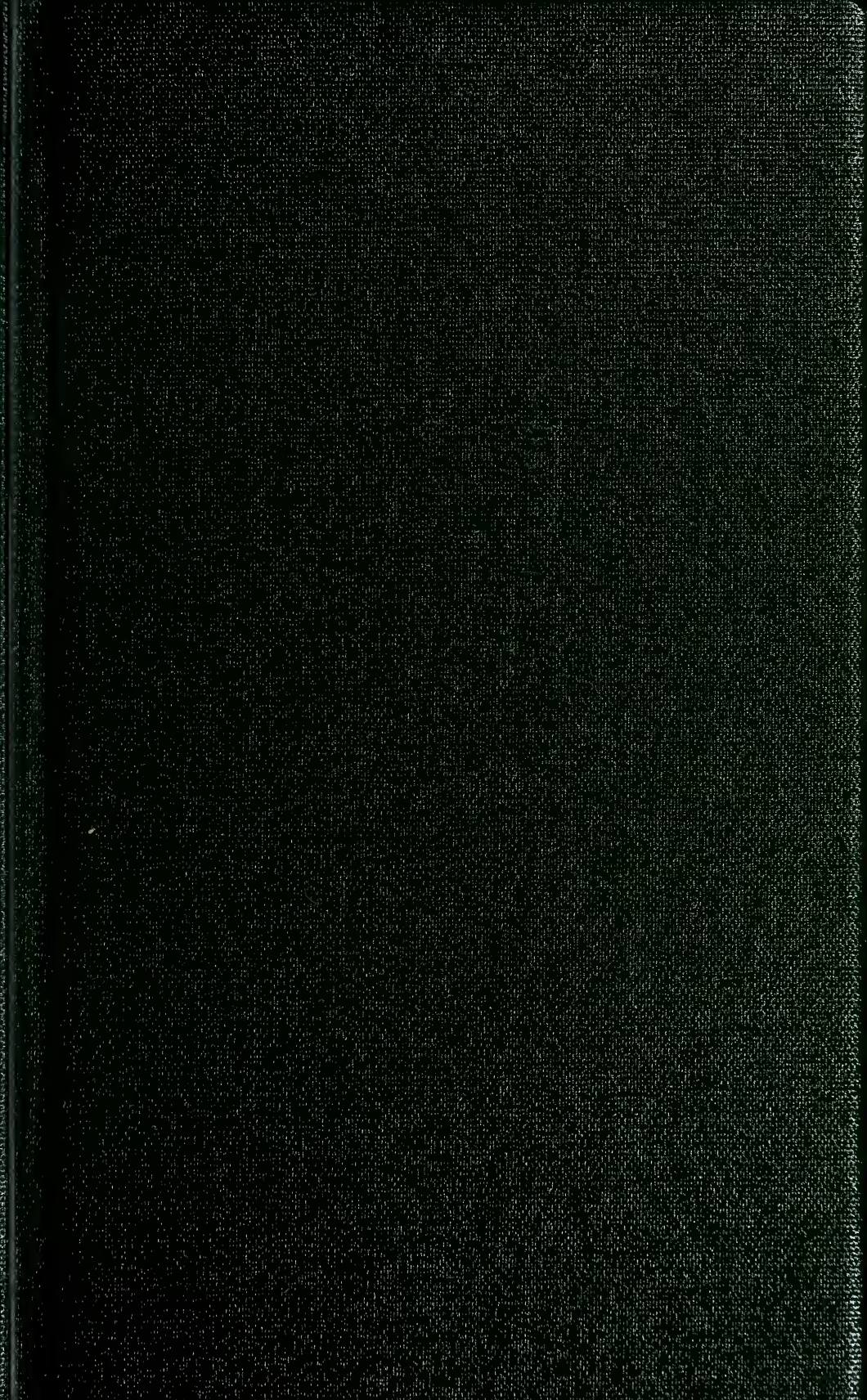
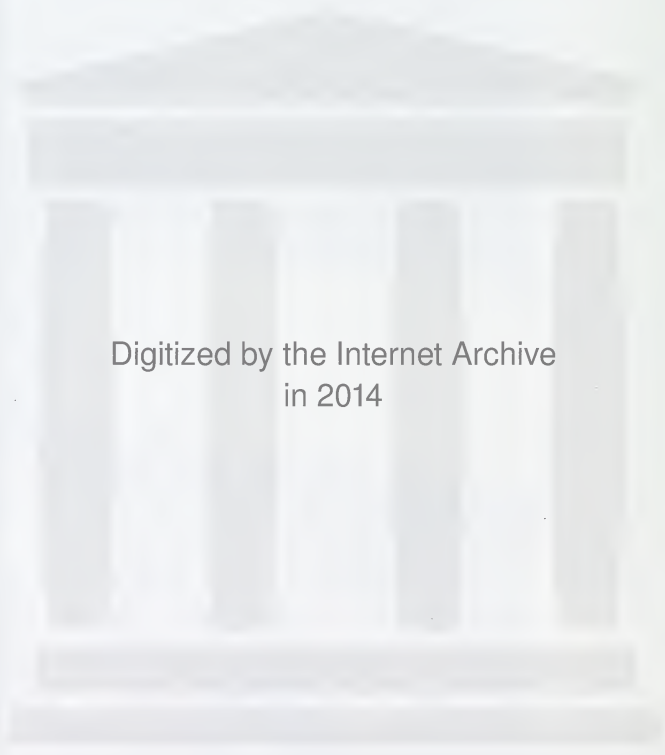






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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND
OVERSEERS OF THE POOR
OF THE
TOWN of CASCO
FOR THE
Year Ending February 17th,
1898.

NORWAY, ME.:
ADVERTISER ELECTRIC JOB PRINT.
1898.

TOWN OFFICERS.

Moderator,

S. A. HALL.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor,

G. B. MAYBERRY,

J. C. COOK,

H. B. HARMON.

Treasurer,

J. N. EASTMAN.

Clerk,

E. C. JORDAN.

Collector and Constable,

S. F. JORDAN.

Superintending School Committee,

FRED W. MAYBERRY,

WILLIS H. JORDAN,

S. O. HANCOCK,

S. A. HALL,

GEORGE W. BURGESS.

Supervisor,

G. T. COOK.

Board of Health,

DR. WALTER CORLISS,

E. C. OWEN,

H. B. HARMON.

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING.

TO SILAS F. JORDAN, Constable of the town of Casco, in the County of Cumberland, Greeting:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Casco qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet and assemble at the town house in said town on Monday the seventh day of March, A. D. 1898, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

- 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- 2d. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
- 3d. To choose Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the poor for the ensuing year.
- 4th. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
- 5th. To choose a Collector for the ensuing year.
- 6th. To choose a Constable for the ensuing year.
- 7th. To choose a Road Commissioner as the law requires.
- 8th. To choose a Superintending School Committee of three as the law requires.
- 9th. To see what action the town will take in regard to choosing a Supervisor of Schools.
- 10th. To choose all other necessary town officers.
- 11th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of schools.
- 12th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for school books.
- 13th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to repair school houses.
- 14th. To see if the town will vote to purchase new desks for school houses in districts No. 9 and 7 and to raise money for the same.

15th. To see if the town will vote to raise the interest on school fund.

16th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for support of poor.

17th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the repairs of highways and bridges.

18th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay snow bills, winter of 1897 and 1898.

19th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay town officers' salaries.

20th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay interest on outstanding orders.

21st. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for abatements, discounts, and collector's commission.

22d. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for contingent expenses.

23d. To determine what compensation the Collector of taxes shall receive for his services.

24th. To determine what compensation the Road Commissioner shall receive for his services.

25th. To see if the town will vote to authorize and instruct its Treasurer to make and execute deeds in behalf of the town.

26th. To see what action the town will take in regard to the Samuel Brown property.

27th. To see if the town will vote to allow a discount of 5 per cent. on all taxes paid on or before the first day of November, also a discount of 3 per cent. on all taxes paid on or before the first day of February.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session at the town house on the morning of the seventh day of March, A. D., 1898, at nine o'clock, for the purpose of hearing and deciding upon the application of persons claiming the right to vote in said meeting.

Given under our hands at Casco, this 17th day of February, A. D., 1898.

G. B. MAYBERRY,	}	<i>Selectmen of Casco.</i>
J. C. COOK,		
H. B. HARMON,		

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Valuation as taken by the assessors on the first day of April, 1897:

Real estate of resident owners	\$184,720 00	
Real estate of non-resident owners	34,480 00	
		\$219,200 00

Personal estate of resident owners	\$29,106 00	
Personal estate of non-resident owners	1,690 00	
		\$30,790 00

Total valuation	\$249,996 00
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Whole number of polls taxed, 226.

Rate of poll tax, \$2.50.

Rate of property tax, \$13.00 per thousand.

ASSESSED.

For State tax	\$731 23
County tax	343 24

Town tax:

For support of schools	\$ 800 00
Support of poor	500 00
Contingent fund	1,000 00
New schoolhouse	400 00
Memorial day	25 00

Total raised for town purposes	\$2,725 00
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Total tax to be assessed	\$3,799 47
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SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Raised for support of schools	\$800 00
Interest on school fund	120 00
State school fund and mill tax	678 60
Unexpended bal. year 1896	229 98
	\$1,828 58

ORDERS DRAWN FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

1897.

Mar.	3,	To town of Poland, tuition.....	\$16 00
Apr.	17,	Fred E. Tenney, 2 cords wood.....	6 00
	19,	M. L. Leach, $3\frac{1}{2}$ cords wood.....	10 50
	20,	Burt Cook, $1\frac{1}{2}$ cords wood.....	4 50
	21,	I. P. Fickett, $2\frac{1}{2}$ cords wood.....	7 50
May	1,	W. Shane, $2\frac{3}{4}$ cords wood.....	8 25
	19,	Hall Edwards, 2 cords wood.....	6 00
June	17,	Willis H. Jordan, 2 cords wood.....	6 00
July	1,	Maria P. Maxfield, board and teaching Dist.	
		No. 7.....	65 00
	1,	Ellen M. Jones, board and teaching Dist. No. 4...	65 00
	1,	Alta G. Haskell, teaching Dist. No. 1.....	50 00
	1,	Rose C. Austin, teaching Dist. No. 9.....	55 00
	1,	Grace A. Spurr, board and teaching Dist. No. 6..	65 00
	1,	Marilla M. Curtis, board and teaching Dist. No. 3.	51 75
	1,	Mrs. Frank Wentworth, boarding teacher Dist.	
		No. 1.....	20 00
	1,	C. W. Spiller, 3 cords wood.....	9 00
	10,	Lucy C. Shaw, boarding teacher Dist. No. 9.....	20 00
	15,	Blanche L. Leach, board and teaching Dist.	
		No. 2.....	57 50
	29,	Gertrude C. Cook, board and teaching Dist.	
		No. 5.....	65 00
Oct.	19,	Grace A. Spurr, board and teaching Dist. No. 6..	25 00
Nov.	18,	Ellen M. Jones, board and teaching Dist. No. 4...	67 50
	18,	Maria P. Maxfield, board and teaching Dist.	
		No. 7.....	58 50
	19,	Rose C. Austin, teaching Dist. No. 9.....	60 00
	19,	Lucy C. Shaw, boarding teacher Dist. No. 9.....	20 00
	19,	Alta G. Haskell, teaching Dist. No. 1.....	50 00
	19,	Mrs. Frank Wentworth, boarding teacher Dist.	
		No. 1.....	20 00
	19,	D. E. Lombard, board and teaching, Dist. No. 3..	57 50
	20,	Blanche L. Leach, board and teaching Dist.	
		No. 2.....	57 50
Dec.	9,	R. E. Gay, board and teaching, Dist. No. 5.....	60 00
	9,	Clarence Brackett, janitor Dist. No. 6.....	2 00
1898.			
Jan.	8,	Blanche L. Leach, board and teaching, Dist. No. 2.	25 00
Feb.	5,	Perley Dingley, janitor Dist. No. 2.....	3 00
	9,	Blanche L. Leach, board and teaching Dist. No. 2.	32 50
	12,	Alta G. Haskell, teaching Dist. No. 1.....	50 00
	12,	Perley Watkins, janitor Dist. No. 1.....	2 50

Feb. 12,	To Mrs. Frank Wentworth, boarding teacher Dist. No. 1.....	\$20 00
12,	Ida Morrill, teaching Dist. No. 3.....	44 00
12,	Mrs. W. F. Tenney, boarding teacher Dist. No. 3.....	22 00
12,	Leroy Tenney, janitor Dist. No. 3.....	2 75
12,	Ellen M. Jones, board and teaching Dist. No. 4..	67 50
12,	Myron J. Hall, janitor Dist. No. 4.....	2 50
12,	I. W. Kemp, teaching Dist. No. 5.....	50 00
12,	Mrs. Clara Barton, boarding teacher Dist. No. 5.	20 25
12,	Mrs. George Nutting, boarding teacher Dist. No. 5.	2 25
12,	C. M. Barton, janitor Dist. No. 5.....	2 50
12,	Maria P. Maxfield, board and teaching Dist. No. 7.	71 50
12,	Howard Fickett, janitor Dist. No. 7.....	3 25
12,	“ “ kindling wood Dist. No. 7.....	50
12,	F. B. Nichols, “ “ “ “	75
12,	Harrison Edwards, 1 cord wood.....	3 00
12,	Rose C. Austin, teaching Dist. No. 9.....	60 00
12,	Lucy C. Shaw, boarding teacher Dist. No. 9	20 00
12,	Daniel Spiller, janitor Dist. No. 9.....	3 00
12,	C. W. Spiller, 1 corn wood.....	3 50
12,	Hall Edwards, putting wood under cover.....	1 00
14,	Grace A. Spurr, board and teaching Dist. No. 6,	
	balance due on summer term.....	45 00
14,	Grace A. Spurr, board and teaching Dist. No. 6.	70 00
		<u>\$1,694 25</u>

PAUPER ACCOUNT.

Town of Casco in account with Samuel Brown:

Dec. 13th, 1897, we were notified that Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Brown needed assistance from the town. We found Mrs. Brown under the care of a physician and in need of immediate attention. Provision was therefore made for their care and comfort as speedily as possible, and arrangements perfected whereby all their real and personal estate was transferred to the town. After Mrs. Brown's death and burial, the personal property was disposed of to sundry persons for \$106.30 paid to the treasurer and orders drawn as follows:

1897.

Dec. 16,	To Clarence Winslow, goods delivered to Mr. and Mrs. Sam'l Brown.....	\$ 2 24
16,	John H. Sawyer, goods delivered to Mr. and Mrs. Sam'l Brown.....	2 00
21,	Reg. of Deeds, recording deed of real estate from Samuel and Abbie J. Brown to town of Casco	50
21,	Town clerk, recording transfer of personal estate from Sam'l and Abbie J. Brown to town Casco	15

1898.

Jan.	7,	To S. H. Mann & Jordan, supplies to Sam'l Brown..	\$ 50
	8,	Mrs. Llewellyn Bryant, nursing Mrs. Brown.....	14 00
	8,	Orin B. Lane, burying lot in Riverside cemetery.	5 00
	8,	John Berry, digging grave.....	1 00
	10,	Clarence Winslow, supplies to Sam'l Brown.....	3 41
	10,	Mrs. Charles E. Emery, labor on account of Mrs. Brown's last sickness and death.....	9 00
	10,	A. F. Snell, going to Raymond after nurse.....	75
	10,	Mrs. Ezra Edwards, doing 4 washings for Mr. and Mrs. Brown.....	2 00
	12,	Charles E. Emery, labor on account of Mrs. Brown's last sickness and death.....	12 00
	13,	Dr. L. H. Poor, medical attendance on Mrs. Brown	30 00
	13,	Dr. L. H. Poor, making deed and transfer papers of real and personal estate from Samuel and Abbie J. Brown to town of Casco.....	1 00
	3,	S. A. Hall, burial outfit and use of hearse.....	22 00
	21,	Mrs. Emma Edwards, support of Samuel Brown.	10 00

 \$115 55

Estimated value of real estate.....\$225 00

Received from sale of personal estate..... 106 30

 \$331 30

Balance to Mr. Brown's credit.....\$215 75

Which amount must be exhausted before he will be of any expense to the town.

And now to those who are not conversant with Mr. Brown's physical condition it is well to explain in detail. Thirty years ago he was injured internally by a fall from a building and again five years ago by being thrown and dragged by a cow, since which time he has been confined to crutches, is unfortunate to that extent that he rarely leaves his room, is unable to properly care for himself in those matters which are of the greatest importance, unavoidably making a washing of bed and underclothing absolutely necessary every day, and very often of underclothing twice a day.

Suffice it to say that he is in constant need, or very nearly so, of the same care and attention given to an infant child, and the \$5.00 per week, which is being paid for his care and support, is not an unreasonable compensation so long as his present condition remains unchanged. However, if there are those who are qualified to and

will care for him as his needs require for a less compensation, undoubtedly the new board of overseers would be pleased to confer with them. The best interests of the town are served when its deserving poor are cared for kindly and well.

Orders drawn for support of and on account of poor:

1897.

Feb.	20,	To Cynthia Jordan, sewing for Melissa Cummings..	\$ 1 50
	20,	Town of Raymond, supplies to Richard Edwards	7 61
	22,	S. H. Mann & Jordan, supplies to Jane Ham....	40
	25,	Mrs. Emma Edwards, support of Ida Ham child..	30 00
Mar.	3,	Town of New Gloucester, medical attendance on family of Frederick Edwards.....	6 00
	13,	J. W. Sylvester, support of Melissa Cummings..	7 00
	15,	Mrs. Emma Edwards, support of Ida Ham child..	10 00
	27,	S. H. Mann & Jordan, supplies to Fred Neal....	25
	27,	Town of Raymond, supplies to Richard Edwards	6 81
	29,	S. H. Mann & Jordan, supplies to Melissa Cummings	1 60
	31,	J. W. Sylvester, support of Melissa Cummings..	3 50
Apr.	27,	Town of Poland, supplies to Silas Edwards.....	5 00
	27,	S. H. Mann & Jordan, supplies to Fred Neal..	2 99
	27,	" " " " Ida Ham child	20
May	1,	Alonzo Small, support of Veranous Stone.....	7 00
	1,	Mrs. Emma Edwards, support Ida Ham child...	10 00
	1,	J. W. Sylvester, support of Melissa Cummings.	5 25
	6,	S. H. Mann & Jordan, supplies to Melissa Cummings	72
	10,	S. H. Mann & Jordan, supplies to Melissa Cummings	32
	12,	S. H. Mann & Jordan, supplies to Fred Neal....	37
	15,	J. W. Sylvester, support of Melissa Cummings..	3 50
	17,	G. B. Mayberry, cash paid expense to Portland to consult Judge Symonds in matter of adoption of Ida Ham child.....	2 20
	25,	S. H. Mann & Jordan, supplies to Melissa Cummings	1 30
June	1,	Warren S. and Helena M. Bartlett for legal adoption of Ida Ham child	150 00
	4,	Alonzo Small, support of Veranous Stone.....	7 00
	4,	J. W. Sylvester, support of Melissa Cummings..	3 50
	7,	L. W. Holden, legal fees in matter of Ida Ham child	50
	10,	Ida Mayberry, sewing for Melissa Cummings...	2 25
	22,	J. W. Sylvester, support of Melissa Cummings.	5 25

June	23,	To S. H. Mann & Jordan, supplies to Fred Neal....	\$ 1 02
	29,	Mrs. Eliza Marean, support of Jane Ham.....	15 00
July	3,	J. W. Sylvester, support of Melissa Cummings.	2 00
	15,	Dr. L. H. Poor, medical attendance on Lewis F. Tenney, <i>year 1895</i>	2 50
	20,	Henry C. Edwards, support Melissa Cummings.	6 00
	29,	Alonzo Small, support of Veranous Stone.....	7 00
	29,	" " " " " "	8 75
Aug.	2,	City of Saco, supplies to Lewis F. Tenney and family.....	32 75
Aug.	2,	Bridgton Savings Bank, 4 months rent to Lewis F. Tenney, <i>year 1894</i>	12 00
	18,	Mrs. Emma Edwards, support of Melissa Cummings.....	8 00
	18,	S. H. Mann & Jordan, supplies to Jane Ham....	1 25
	18,	Dr. Walter Corliss, medical attendance on Melissa Cummings.....	1 00
	21,	S. H. Mann & Jordan, supplies to Fred Neal....	1 19
Sept.	7,	Symonds, Snow & Cook, legal services and cash paid Reg. of Probate in matter of adoption of Ida Ham child.....	11 00
	8	Alonzo Small, support of Veranous Stone.....	10 50
	22,	Mrs. Emma Edwards, support of Melissa Cummings.....	10 00
Oct.	14,	Alonzo Small, support of Veranous Stone.....	5 00
	14,	" " " " " "	3 75
	20,	G. B. Mayberry, cash paid for recording papers of adoption of Ida Ham child, and mortgage from Warren S. and Helena M. Bartlett to town of Casco.....	75
Nov.	3,	Mrs. Emma Edwards, support of Melissa Cummings.....	12 00
	10,	Alonzo Small, support of Veranous Stone.....	8 00
	18,	Town of Poland, 3 months house rent to Richard Edwards.....	4 50
	19,	S. H. Mann & Jordan, supplies to Fred Neal....	1 50
	19,	S. H. Mann & Jordan, supplies to Veranous Stone.....	5 46
Dec.	10,	Mrs. Emma Edwards, support of Melissa Cummings.....	10 00
	10,	Alonzo Small, support of Veranous Stone.....	6 00
	16,	Dr. Walter Corliss, medical attendance on Melissa Cummings.....	5 00
1898.			
Jan.	5,	Alonzo Small, support of Veranous Stone.....	7 00

Jan.	12,	To Mrs. Emma Edwards, support of Melissa Cummings.....	\$ 10 00
	12,	Town of Poland, house rent and clothing for Richard Edwards.....	12 50
Feb.	7,	Alonzo Small, support of Veranous Stone.....	7 00
			\$510 44

Expenditure in excess of appropriation.....\$10 44

Orders drawn for support of poor of Mechanic Falls:

1897.

Feb.	19,	To S. H. Mann & Jordan, supplies to Demeritt S. Churchill.....	\$ 7 72
	22,	S. H. Mann & Jordan, supplies to D. S. Churchill	1 20
Mar.	16,	" " " " " "	6 27
	17,	" " " " " "	1 45
	22,	" " " " " "	64
	27,	" " " " " "	5 05
	29,	" " " " " "	1 41
Apr.	27,	" " " " " "	12 67
May	12,	" " " " " "	3 96
	24,	" " " " " "	2 54
June	5,	Hall Edwards, house rent.....	6 00
			\$48 91

In reference to the Ida Ham child:

The Ida Ham female child has been legally adopted by Warren S. and Helena M. Bartlett. We have paid them \$150, the amount which would be required to care for the child three years, and the agreement entered into, which is legally executed, is that, should the child die within three years from the date of adoption, they are to refund to the town such proportional part of the \$150 as would be due reckoned on a basis of \$50 a year, and to secure this agreement they have given to the town a mortgage deed of their real estate.

No appropriation was made for this specific purpose, but viewing the matter from a business standpoint we were led to embrace this opportunity to relieve the town of what might be cause for future great expense, trusting that our efforts in that direction would meet your approval. It will be observed that the appropriation for support of poor, however, very nearly covers the amount advanced. It gives us pleasure to add that the child has a splendid home, which is fortunate alike for the child and the town.

The Neal boy is with Jesse Holden to remain one year from the 10th day of November, 1897. The agreement between the town and Mr. Holden is that the boy shall attend the winter term of school, and be properly clothed and cared for, without any expense to the town.

Jane Ham is with Mrs. S. R. Marean, 50 cts. per week.

Melissa Cummings, who, it will be remembered, is totally blind, is with Mrs. Emma Edwards, \$2.00 per week.

Veranous Stone, who also is totally blind, is with his sister, Mrs. Alonzo Small, \$1.75 per week.

All have comfortable and pleasant homes and are well cared for.

MISCELLANEOUS ORDERS.

1897.

Mar.	4,	To Dr. L. H. Poor, reporting births and deaths.....	\$ 3 00
	6,	Wm. M. Cook, discount on taxes paid before Dec.	
		1, 1896.....	66 80
	6,	Wm. M. Cook, killing dogs.....	4 00
	15,	F. W. Sanborn, printing 300 24-page town reports	24 00
	15,	A. E. Jordan, keeping tramp.....	1 00
	16,	Loring, Short & Harmon, town books.....	7 35
	22,	O. H. Guptill, damage to carriage.....	1 91
Apr.	17,	Jesse Holden, keeping tramp.....	50
	27,	S. H. Mann & Jordan, fence wire and staples for school house lot Dist. No. 2.....	1 51
May	1,	Dr. Walter Corliss, vital statistics to Apr. 1, '97.	3 50
	1,	Dr. Walter Corliss, services on local board of health.....	6 00
	3,	A. S. Owen, relettering old, and making new guide boards.....	11 20
	4,	Loring, Short & Harmon, town order book.....	1 50
	15,	D. C. Mann, for posts and building fence around school house lot Dist. No. 2.....	5 00
June	1,	Chas. A. Bickmore Post, G. A. R., for memorial services.....	25 00
July	14,	Geo. W. Burgess, maintaining public watering trough.....	1 87
Aug.	2,	Dr. A. P. Reed, births and deaths.....	75
Oct.	20,	G. B. Mayberry, cash paid expense to Portland, before State Board of Assessors.....	4 00
Dec.	3,	S. A. Hall, services as moderator.....	1 50
	9,	Loring, Short & Harmon, town clerk's record book	85

Dec.	20,	To Reg. of Probate, certificate of death and accts. in case of late Deborah Davis.....	\$ 50
	21,	Clerk of Courts, certificate of office of L. W. Holden and F. M. Hawkes as justices of the peace	50
	21,	G. B. Mayberry, cash paid for the town of Casco, consideration to Sam'l and Abbie J. Brown, for transfer of their real and personal estate to the town of Casco.....	1 00
	21,	L. W. Holden, legal services in pension matter of late Deborah Davis.....	40
Feb.	4,	C. L. Decker, keeping tramps.....	2 00
	12,	Dr. L. H. Poor, reporting births and deaths.....	2 50
			\$178 14

NEW SCHOOL HOUSE ACCOUNT.

ERECTED IN DIST. NO. 5.

Appropriated.....\$400 00

Orders drawn which include the building lot, grading and fencing, making and recording deed, constructing and furnishing the building which is 24x30, 10 feet 6 inch post, with wood shed 24x12 attached.

1897.

June	29,	To F. B. Nichols, lumber.....	\$102 21
Aug.	18,	S. E. Tucker, labor.....	5 25
	18,	G. B. Mayberry, labor.....	12 00
	18,	Augustus P. Fuller & Co., 3 gals. liquid filler and 2 gals. hardwood finish.....	7 65
	18,	American Express Co., ex. on filler and finish..	40
	18,	C. G. Folsom, express on filler and finish.....	15
	21,	E. J. Durand, labor.....	2 50
	21,	Evarts B. Mayberry, labor cleaning brick.....	1 25
	*21,	Willard P. Brown, labor building chimney.....	2 00
	21,	G. T. Cook, window fastenings.....	90
	24,	George Nutting, window.....	30
	28,	S. E. and Wm. Tucker, labor.....	12 25
	28,	Wm. F. and Wm. J. Cook cutting and delivering fence posts.....	1 87
	28,	Wm. F. and Wm. J. Cook, labor with oxen, moving wall and grading yard.....	15 13
	28,	George W. Burgess, labor.....	1 25
	28,	Wm. E. Qualey, labor.....	2 20
	30,	S. H. Mann & Jordan, building supplies.....	26 07

Aug. 30,	To Lewis Smith, windows, doors, teacher's table and lumber.....	\$120 63
30,	I. P. Fickett, 400 brick.....	1 60
30,	" " braces for chimney.....	40
30,	G. B. Mayberry, labor.....	11 00
30,	F. B. Nichols, lumber.....	7 92
Sept. 2,	Portland & Rochester Ry. Co., freight on desks..	4 18
2,	Portland & R. F. Ry. Co., " "	1 76
2,	E. A. Barton, building fence.....	3 00
7,	J. C. Cook, cash paid for brick, lime and lead...	4 56
7,	" " labor with horses.....	14 50
Sept. 8,	S. H. Mann & Jordan, fence wire.....	82
Oct. 2,	Hall Edwards, labor.....	1 25
9,	S. H. Mann & Jordan, building supplies.....	3 48
18,	George N. Winslow, labor.....	41 13
18,	Joseph Battey, labor.....	41 13
20,	G. B. Mayberry, cash paid for recording deed...	50
20,	Wm. F. Cook, building lot.....	5 00
25,	United States School Furniture Co., desks.....	57 00
30,	George N. Winslow, labor.....	1 00
30,	G. B. Mayberry, labor.....	1 00
30,	S. H. Mann & Jordan, building supplies.....	25
		\$515 49

Unused building materials sold..... 12 10

Total cost.....\$503 39

The old house was sold to Wm. F. Cook for..... \$11 00

The expenses were not so great as last year, for the reason that a saving was made in the labor acct. and again on the furniture by dealing directly with the manufacturers. We were not obliged to purchase so many desks by four, as that number was removed from the house in Dist. No. 2. Each house now has a seating capacity of 40.

PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND.

As there are so very many who are unacquainted with the origin of the permanent school fund, we think it would be of interest, to them at least, should we devote some space in this report to an explanation.

The reservation of 1,000 acres of land in every township, commonly

known as school lands, comes from an old regulation of Massachusetts adopted while Maine was still a part of that Commonwealth.

At that time our State was known as the District of Maine, and was divided into the counties of York, Cumberland and Lincoln. The unsettled portions of the territory were commonly referred to by the Massachusetts legislature as the "Eastern Lands."

In order to encourage the settlement of these "Eastern Lands" the legislature of Massachusetts in 1788 enacted a law providing that in the disposition of all towns thereafter, four lots, of 320 acres each, should be reserved for certain purposes in each and every township, whether sold or granted.

The purposes for which these lots were reserved were as follows:

The first was "for the first settled minister" in the township and was known as the "minister lot." The second was for the "use of the ministry" and known as the "ministerial lot." The third was for the support of the common schools in that township and became known as the "school lot," while the fourth was reserved "for the future disposition of the State," and was known as the "State lot."

By the articles of separation of 1820, when we became an independent state, it was provided that Maine should carry out all the regulations regarding the sale and settlement of the wild lands, embraced in the plan originally adopted by Massachusetts, unless the consent of that State was obtained for any change in policy.

Consequently for several years after Maine became a State, in the sale or grants of all Maine towns for whatever purpose, these several lots were reserved in accordance with the plan adopted in 1788. In 1832 Maine changed the law providing for the disposition of these lots for various purposes, to take effect when Massachusetts consented to the new arrangement.

By the new law the minister's claim was ignored except in cases where the title had become vested; for by the new provision all the land reserved in each new township (the acreage having been previously changed to 1,000 for each full township) was to be for the support of the schools in that township.

The fund created by the sale of grass and timber from these lots, together with the money received for the land itself, was to be a permanent fund for the benefit of the schools. The selectmen, treasurer and clerk of the several towns were constituted a board of trustees to care for this fund, using the interest only, for the purposes indicated.

In several towns of the State this fund is still kept intact and the interest is added each year to the funds derived from other sources for the support of schools. In other towns, in order to simplify matters, the money was loaned to the town and these towns raise, in addition to the amounts required by law, a sum equivalent to the interest on this fund.

No town has ever had the right to appropriate its permanent school fund to any use except to that for which it was originally intended. The law provides that this fund shall be permanent forever and every town has accepted this obligation, and towns that have failed to meet these obligations should restore the funds that have been misapplied.

These funds belong to the public schools of the several towns, and if any towns have intentionally or carelessly allowed them to be lost or misapplied, the loss must be made good and the fund restored to its original amount.

At different times, dating back to January 1st, 1867, the town hired this \$2,000 for the purpose of meeting its obligations, giving its notes therefor bearing interest at six per cent., payable annually and to be used for the purpose named in the grant. Undoubtedly, the town will never be called upon to redeem this note, nevertheless, it must be regarded as a debt, and should the town fail, at any time, to appropriate the interest, \$120, each year, to the use and for the benefit of its common schools, the heirs, beyond all question of doubt, would have the right of recovery.

ORDERS DRAWN FOR CLEANING SCHOOLROOMS AND VAULTS.

1897.

Apr. 21,	To Irving P. Fickett, cleaning vault, Dist. No. 7....	\$ 2 00
27,	Lorana Watkins, cleaning schoolroom Dist. No. 1.	2 50
27,	G. T. Cook, cash paid for cleaning schoolroom	
	Dist. No. 2.....	50
May 1,	Mrs. Frank Noble, cleaning schoolroom, Dist.	
	No. 6.....	3 00
12,	Mrs. Levi Small, cleaning schoolroom, Dist.	
	No. 9.....	2 75
19,	Mrs. Charles H. Tenney, cleaning schoolroom,	
	Dist. No. 3.....	2 50
July 1,	Cyrus W. Spiller, cleaning vault Dist. No. 9.....	1 00

\$14 25

ORDERS DRAWN FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

1897.			
Feb. 23,	To S. H. Mann & Jordan.....	\$	20
Apr. 27,	G. T. Cook.....		1 15
Aug. 11,	" "		2 80
11,	Rand, McNally & Co., 3 globes.....		9 00
31,	G. T. Cook, stove and freight on same.....		11 70
Oct. 16,	" " express on supplies.....		1 30
16,	" " use of telephone.....		40
16,	McConnell School Supply Co., 1 slate blackboard		4 21
30,	P. & R. F. Ry. Co., freight on blackboard.....		69
1898.			
Jan. 31,	G. T. Cook, supplies.....		56
			<u>\$32 01</u>

ORDERS DRAWN FOR REPAIRS ON SCHOOLHOUSES.

1897.			
Apr. 27,	To S. H. Mann & Jordan, supplies for repairs on schoolhouse Dist. No. 6.....	\$	3 21
27,	G. T. Cook, repairs Dist. No. 1.....		1 00
June 1,	S. H. Mann & Jordan, supplies for repairs on schoolhouse Dist. No. 4.....		3 79
14,	G. T. Cook, repairs Dist. No. 6.....		9 09
Oct. 16,	" " " " " 7.....		61
16,	" " " " " 4.....		80
Dec. 20,	S. O. Hancock, repairs on schoolhouse Dist. No. 6		13 70
1898.			
Jan. 31,	G. T. Cook, repairs Dist. No. 7.....		1 06
31,	" " " " " 4.....		33
			<u>\$33 59</u>

ORDERS DRAWN FOR SCHOOL BOOKS AND ON ACCOUNT OF
SAME.

1897.			
June 5,	To Loring, Short & Harmon.....	\$29	69
Aug. 21,	G. T. Cook, express on books.....		1 25
Sept. 6,	F. W. Sanborn, printing stickers for school books		1 25
Oct. 16,	Loring, Short & Harmon.....		26 53
Nov. 26,	American Book Co.....		27 00
1898.			
Jan. 31,	Loring, Short & Harmon.....		15 02
31,	G. T. Cook, express on books.....		1 15
			<u>\$101 89</u>

FREE HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Appropriated.....	\$200' 00
Reed. from the State.....	183 75
	\$383 75

ORDERS DRAWN.

1897.

Mar.	3,	To Clarence W. Proctor, board and teaching in Dist. No. 1.....	\$120 00
	3,	Perley Watkins, janitor Dist. No. 1.....	3 00
	3,	Dana Spiller, janitor Dist. No. 9.....	3 00
	3,	Nathan Decker, janitor Dist. No. 6.....	3 00
	4,	R. E. Brackett, 1 cord wood.....	3 00
	5,	Irving W. Parker, board and teaching Dist. No. 6.....	120 00
	6,	Blanche L. Leach, assistant teacher, Dist. No. 6.	7 50
	6,	Charles Aldrich, board and teaching Dist. No. 9.	120 00
			\$379 50

ORDERS OF ABATEMENT.

1897.

Feb.	20,	To Isaac Jordan, cause, assessed on property taxed to E. S. Owen.....	\$ 1 20
	22,	Maria Mayberry, cause, poor health, unable to pay.....	3 60
July	1,	George H. Tripp, cause, over valuation.....	2 40
Aug.	30,	John Frost estate, cause, not able to pay.....	4 80
Sept.	20,	Wm. M. Cook, cause, assessed in 1896 on timber cut and delivered on the landing without a reduction on real estate.....	4 80
	20,	Joseph Skinner, cause, assessed in 1896 on timber cut and delivered on the landing without a reduction on real estate.....	7 20
Nov.	26,	George H. Cummings, cause, over valuation, growth removed previous year.....	7 80
	26,	Samuel Whitney, cause, unable to pay.....	2 50
	26,	Daniel Leighton, cause, unable to pay.....	2 50
	26,	Elias Jordan, cause, continued poor health.....	2 50
1898.			
Jan.	10,	Hall Edwards, cause, over valuation on Owl Pond lot.....	2 60
			\$41 90

ORDERS DRAWN FOR TOWN OFFICERS' SERVICES.

1897.

Mar. 6,	To Wm. M. Cook, constable.....	\$ 6 00
10,	James N. Eastman, treasurer.....	25 00
10,	G. B. Mayberry, selectman.....	50 00
10,	E. C. Jordan, selectman.....	40 00
13,	G. B. Mayberry, town clerk.....	5 00
13,	W. H. Rolfe, selectman.....	30 00
16,	Dr. L. H. Poor, supervisor of schools.....	75 00
Aug. 18,	Silas F. Jordan, constable.....	3 50
Dec. 30,	S. E. Tucker, truant officer.....	7 75
1898.		
Jan. 31,	H. B. Harmon, selectman year 1897.....	30 00

\$272 25

The following is the law in regard to Road Commissioner:—

Section 4. Each town at its annual meeting shall elect, by ballot, a road commissioner who shall have charge of the repairs of all highways and bridges within the town and shall have authority to employ the necessary men and teams, and purchase timber, plank and other material for the repair of highways and bridges. Said commissioner shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of his duty, give bonds to the satisfaction of the selectmen, and be responsible to them for the expenditure of money, and discharge of his duties generally. The compensation of said commissioner shall be such sum as the town shall annually vote therefor, which sum shall in no case be less than two dollars per day, of every day of actual service; and he shall render to the selectmen monthly statements of his expenditures, and receive no money from the treasury only on the order of the selectmen.

Section 5. No person can, at the same time, hold the office of road commissioner and selectman.

Section 6. Seventy-five per cent of the highway taxes assessed shall be expended upon the highways prior to the fifteenth day of July, and the balance at such time as the commissioner deems for the best good of the public.

Section 8. Said commissioner shall keep accurate accounts, showing in detail, all moneys paid out by him, to whom and for what purpose; he shall settle his accounts on or before the twentieth day of February, annually, and the same shall be reported in the annual town report in detail.

ORDERS DRAWN FOR SUPPORT OF AND ON ACCOUNT OF
ROADS AND BRIDGES.

1897.

Feb. 26,	To Jesse Holden, snow bill.....	\$ 1 50
March 6,	Wm. M. Cook, labor.....	2 25
6,	Harrison Edwards, snow bill.....	10 00
6,	Alonzo D. Bartlett, labor.....	1 50

Mar.	16,	To Willis H. Jordan, labor.....	\$ 4 50
	16,	Hezekiah Jordan, "	10 86
April	6,	Levi Small, snow bill.....	2 25
	10,	Charles E. Emery, snow bill.....	6 70
	10,	" " " labor	6 00
	17,	J. P. Mitchell, snow bill.....	2 25
	17,	James Rolfe, " "	4 00
	27,	Alonzo Small, " "	1 56
	27,	John Small, " "	1 92
May	3,	S. C. Jordan, " "	5 75
	5,	Wm. F. Cook & Son, snow bill.....	10 62
	10,	D. J. & J. E. Chandler, snow bill.....	14 82
	19,	Robert E. Brackett, " "	5 00
	21,	G. B. Mayberry, labor at Webb's Mills.....	2 50
	28,	A. E. Jordan, snow bill.....	6 37
June	1,	Irving P. Fickett, labor.....	4 50
	5,	A. J. Winslow, labor and cash paid for labor	16 62
	7,	Irving P. Fickett, labor.....	25
	12,	Sumner S. Lord, snow bill.....	5 00
	14,	Winslow & Co., 200 ft. stone tile for water courses	34 00
	21,	Portland & R. F. Ry. Co., freight on tile.....	5 40
	22,	Wm. S. Watkins, repairs on road machine.....	5 00
	23,	Sumner S. Lord, labor.....	6 88
	30,	Fred E. Tenney, labor.....	2 25
	30,	" " labor with horses in Dist. No. 6	6 00
	30,	Sam'l C. Jordan, running road machine 14 days..	24 00
July	5,	Edward Scribner, labor.....	67
	10,	Harrison Edwards, labor.....	10 41
	14,	S. S. Lord & Son, repairing Brackett Hill.....	3 12
Aug.	12,	Irving P. Fickett,hauling 6000 lbs. tile from Poland	6 00
	21,	S. H. Mann & Jordan, powder and fuse.....	48
	30,	Irving P. Fickett, use of iron scraper.....	50
Sept.	8,	S. C. Jordan, running road machine 4½ days....	7 50
	8,	" " labor and cash paid for sharpening drills, Dist. 16.....	2 23
	8,	S. C. Jordan, labor and cash paid for sharpening drills, Dist. 17.....	2 85
	13,	Henry C. Edwards, labor.....	2 50
	15,	Irving P. Fickett, labor Dist. 12.....	15 00
Oct.	8,	S. S. Lord, labor.....	63
	25,	" " cutting bushes 3½ days in Dist. No. 13	4 37
	30,	George L. Curtis, repairing road machine.....	4 00
	30,	S. C. Jordan, running road machine.....	1 75
Nov.	19,	R. E. Brackett, putting road machine under cover	25
Dec.	3,	Irving P. Fickett, labor.....	17 50

Dec.	9,	To Harrison Edwards, labor.....	\$13 75
	24,	Geo. W. Burgess, labor.....	1 87
	24	S. C. Jordan, labor.....	1 25
1898.			
Jan.	12,	John Dingley, labor with horses in Dist. No. 2..	6 00
	14,	Willis H. Rolfe, snow bill.....	2 00
Feb.	9,	Wm. Dingley, Jr., labor.....	6 00
	10,	A. H. Moors, 1898, snow bill.....	10 03
			<u>\$330 91</u>

Recapitulation of expenses for the municipal year 1897:

Orders drawn for support of schools.....	\$1,694 25
" " and on account of school books.....	101 89
" " repairs on school houses.....	33 59
" " school supplies.....	32 01
" " cleaning school rooms and vaults.....	14 25
" " Free High School.....	379 50
" " support of poor.....	510 44
" " " " Mechanic Falls.....	48 91
" " repairs of highways.....	330 91
" " town officers' salaries.....	272 25
" " new school house Dist. No. 5.....	515 49
" " on account of Samuel and Abbie J. Brown..	115 55
Miscellaneous purposes.....	178 14
Total.....	<u>\$4,227 18</u>

Appropriated by the town and received from other sources to meet the above expenditures:

Town raised for free high schools.....	\$ 200 00
Received from State for free high schools.....	183 75
Town raised for common schools.....	800 00
Received from State for common schools.....	678 60
Unexpended balance year 1896.....	229 98
Town raised for support of poor.....	500 00
“ “ new school building.....	400 00
“ “ Memorial services, G. A. R.....	25 00
“ “ Contingent expenses.....	1,000 00
Received non-resident highway taxes.....	105 72
“ from sale of personal property of Samuel and Abbie J. Brown.....	106 30
“ late Deborah Davis pension.....	21 07
“ for hay sold from Brackett place.....	4 00
“ “ old school house in Dist. No. 5.....	11 00
	\$4,265 42
Receipts in excess of expenditures.....	\$38 24

RESOURCES.

Due from Wm. M. Cook, collector for 1896....	\$ 219 77	
“ Silas F. Jordan, “ 1897....	2,778 64	
“ State, school fund and mill tax.....	678 60	
“ State, dog license 1896.....	42 00	
“ “ “ “ 1897.....	35 00	
“ “ State pension.....	24 00	
On resident tax deeds.....	128 12	
Unpaid non-resident taxes.....	72 02	
On Chas. Shane's note and interest.....	15 41	
“ Fred Shane's “ “	84 36	
On unpaid non-resident highway taxes, '97	24 33	
From J. N. Eastman, lumber left over from new schoolhouse Dist. No. 5.....	3 95	
From G. B. Mayberry, lumber left over from new schoolhouse Dist. No. 5...	4 40	
From Geo. W. Burgess, lumber left over from new schoolhouse Dist. No. 5...	3 75	
Unexpended bal. Free High School money	4 25	
Samuel Brown's real estate.....	225 00	
Cash in hands of treasurer.....	126 17	
Unexpended balance in the year's accounts....	38 24	
		\$4,508 01

LIABILITIES.

State tax.....	\$ 731 23	
G. B. Mayberry, services as selectman.....	50 00	
J. C. Cook, “ “	40 00	
J. N. Eastman, services as treasurer.....	30 00	
E. C. Jordan, services as clerk.....	5 00	
G. T. Cook, services as supervisor.....	75 00	
Outstanding orders and interest.....	2,503 11	
Outstanding bills estimated.....	200 00	
Printing this report, estimated.....	18 00	
School districts.....	134 66	
		\$3,787 00
Balance in favor of town.....	\$721 01	

SCHOOL FUND.

Whole amount in hands of town.....\$2,000 00

Most respectfully submitted,

G. B. MAYBERRY,	}	Selectmen of Casco.
J. C. COOK,		
H. B. HARMON,		

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The town treasurer respectfully submits the following report of money received and paid out during the year ending Feb. 16, 1898:

J. N. EASTMAN.

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To cash received from following resources:

Former treasurer.....	\$ 22 64
Wm. Cook, collector for 1896.....	2,041 35
S. F. Jordan, collector for 1897.....	1,052 17
Mechanic Falls pauper bill.....	35 37
Job Mitchell tax deed.....	5 09
L. H. Poor, tuition.....	10 00
E. C. Jordan, dog license.....	35 00
Mechanic Falls pauper bill.....	39 99
Wm. P. Boyker tax deed.....	5 26
J. C. Cook, non resident highway tax.....	1 50
N. C. Pinkham, non resident highway tax.....	2 18
G. B. Mayberry, Shadigee schoolhouse.....	11 00
State treasurer free high school.....	183 75
C. M. Mann, tax deed.....	3 66
G. B. Mayberry, Deborah Davis pension.....	21 07
H. B. Harmom, hay on Joseph Brackett place.....	4 00
G. B. Mayberry, personal property of Samuel Brown.....	106 30
G. B. Mayberry, non resident highway tax.....	100 07
H. B. Harmon, non resident highway tax.....	1 97
S. O. Hancock, Joseph Moors note and interest.....	107 05

Total amount received.....\$3,789 42

By cash paid as follows:

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Town orders not bearing interest.....	\$2,779 64
Town orders with interest.....	243 81
C. L. Decker's state pension.....	24 00
L. H. Poor, redeemed tax deed.....	5 26
State treasurer, dog license.....	35 00
County tax.....	343 24
Orders of abatement.....	32 10
Non resident taxes unpaid.....	72 08
Resident tax deeds.....	128 12
	\$3,663 25

Cash on hand, Feb. 16, 1898.....\$126 17

J. N. EASTMAN, Treasurer.

SCHOOL REPORT.

Whole number of scholars in town, April 1, 1897.....	280
Whole " attending summer schools.....	174
Average " " " "	151
Whole " " fall "	179
Average " " " "	146
Whole " " winter "	173
Average " " " "	149

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RESOURCES.

Raised by the town for the year 1897.....	\$800 00
Interest on school fund.....	120 00
Received from the State.....	678 60
Due from the town of Naples—tuition.....	11 42
Amount unexpended last year.....	229 98
Total.....	\$1,840 00

EXPENDITURES.

Teachers' wages for summer schools.....	\$514 25
" " " fall "	521 00
" " " winter "	555 00
Paid for wood.....	70 75
Care of schoolhouses.....	21 50
Due town of Poland for tuition.....	22 84
Total.....	\$1,705 34
Amount unexpended.....	\$134 66

OTHER EXPENDITURES.

Paid for school books.....	\$97 64
" " cleaning schoolhouses.....	13 25
" " repairs of schoolhouses.....	33 59
" " supplies for schools.....	32 01
Total.....	\$176 49

Following is a list of school books bought:

Copy books, 20 doz.....	\$17 28
Tracers, 10 doz.....	6 48
Spelling blanks, 6 doz.....	2 70
Bookkeeping blanks, 6 sets.....	2 70

Lockwood's Lessons in English, 3.....	\$ 3 03
Brief Course Arithmetic, 24.....	8 21
Complete Arithmetic, 24.....	16 20
Elm. Algebra, 6....	5 40
Patterson's Grammar, 6.....	2 70
Barnes' Fourth Reader, 6.....	3 78
“ First “ 12.....	2 16
Natural Speller, 180.....	27 00

 \$97 64

CONCLUSION.

The schools, the past year, have been more pleasing to me, on the whole, than ever-before. Our school buildings, with few exceptions, are in good condition. The schoolhouse on Mayberry Hill needs repairs, as the floor and doors are in very bad condition. The school-rooms at Webb's Mills and at Cook's Mills can be made more attractive at small expense, by whitening the ceiling and papering the walls. With a few other minor repairs, our school-buildings will present an appearance of which we need not be ashamed. Our supply of books can be kept good, only by an annual expenditure of \$75 to \$100. I would suggest that the sum of \$150 be appropriated for books and the repairs of school-buildings.

That all may act understandingly upon questions that must come before the next annual town meeting, I submit the following:

LAWS IN FORCE AFTER MARCH 1, 1898.

At the annual meeting of the town in 1898, it will be necessary to elect three members of the superintending school committee, as the terms of office of all members of the existing committee will expire at that time. The school committee at its first meeting shall designate by lot a member to serve for one, two and three years respectively, in manner as follows: one for one year, one for two years, and one for three years, and they shall certify such designation to the town clerk, to be by him recorded.

The superintending school committee, at its first meeting after the annual town meeting, shall elect a superintendent of schools, who shall not be one of their number, but who shall be ex-officio secretary of the committee, but shall not be entitled to vote.

Provided, however, that the town may, if they prefer so to do, elect a superintendent of schools at the annual meeting, but such action does not relieve towns from the election of a superintending school committee as provided above.

Respectfully submitted,

G. T. COOK, Supt. of Schools.

Casco, Feb. 14, 1898.

TABULAR SCHOOL STATEMENT.

No. of School.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	Whole No. Attend'g.	Ave. Attendance.	Cost Per Week.	Cost of Term.
SUMMER TERM—TEN WEEKS.					
1	Alta G. Haskell.....	24	20	\$ 7 00	\$ 70 00
2	Blanche L. Leach.....	12	10	5 75	57 50
3	Marilla M. Curtis (nine weeks).....	14	13	5 75	51 75
4	Ellen M. Jones.....	18	16	6 50	65 00
5	Gertrude C. Cook.....	18	18	6 50	65 00
6	Grace A. Spurr.....	29	27	6 50	65 00
7	Maria P. Maxfield.....	13	11	6 50	65 00
9	Rose C. Austin.....	46	36	7 50	75 00
					\$514 25
FALL TERM—TEN WEEKS.					
1	Alta G. Haskell.....	27	20	\$ 7 00	\$ 70 00
2	Blanche L. Leach.....	14	12	5 75	57 50
3	D. E. Lombard.....	13	11	5 75	57 50
4	Ellen M. Jones.....	17	15	6 75	67 50
5	E. R. Gay.....	17	14	6 00	60 00
6	Grace A. Spurr.....	30	26	7 00	70 00
7	Maria P. Maxfield (nine weeks).....	15	11	6 50	58 50
9	Rose C. Austin.....	46	37	8 00	80 00
					\$521 00
WINTER TERM—TEN WEEKS.					
1	Alta G. Haskell.....	25	22	\$ 7 00	\$ 70 00
2	Blanche L. Leach.....	15	11	5 75	57 50
3	Ida Morrill (eleven weeks).....	14	12	6 00	66 00
4	Ellen M. Jones.....	16	14	6 75	67 50
5	I. W. Kemp.....	17	15	7 25	72 50
6	Grace A. Spurr.....	27	25	7 00	70 00
7	Maria P. Maxfield (eleven weeks).....	16	12	6 50	71 50
9	Rose C. Austin.....	43	38	8 00	80 00
					\$555 00



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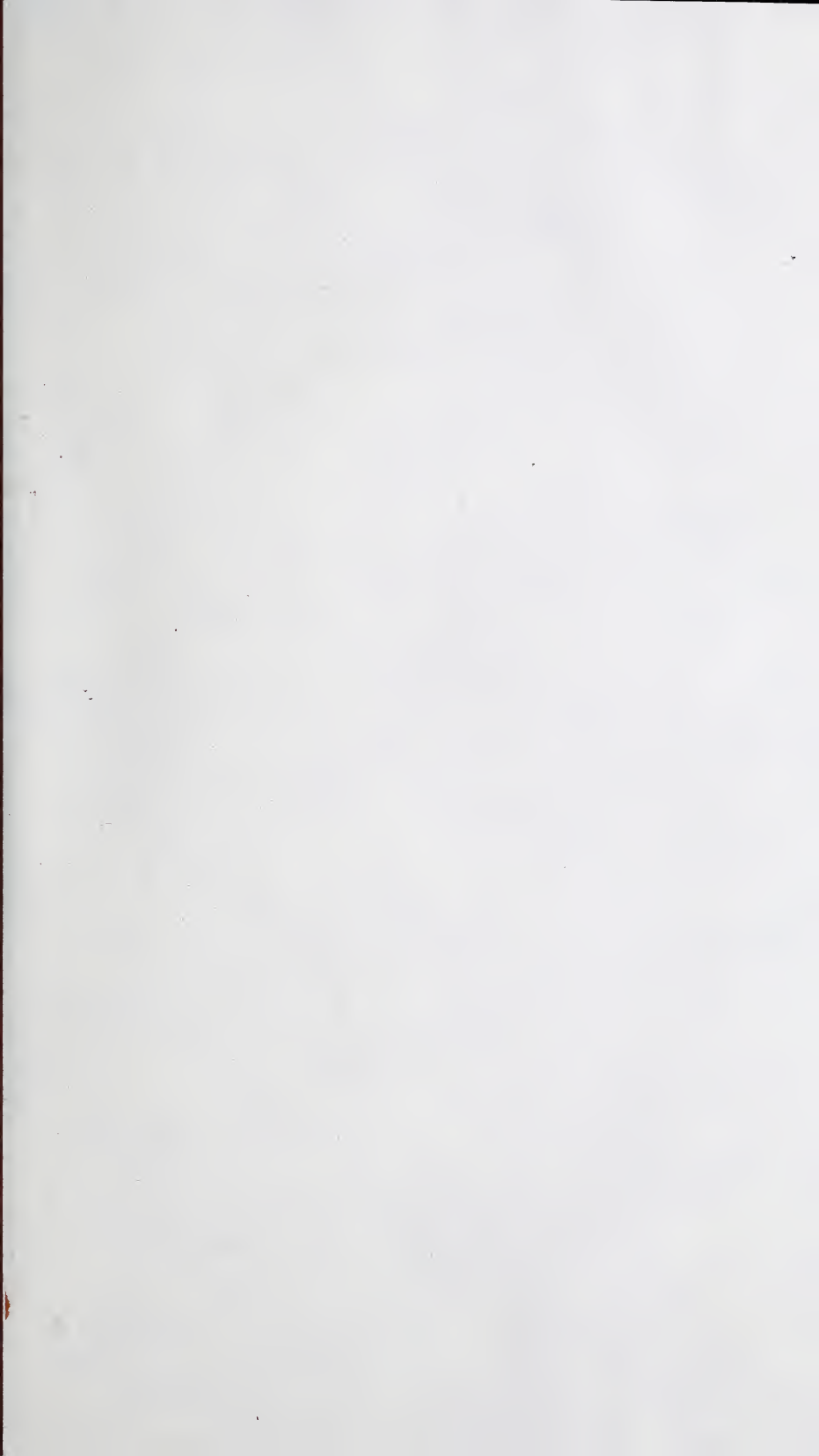
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